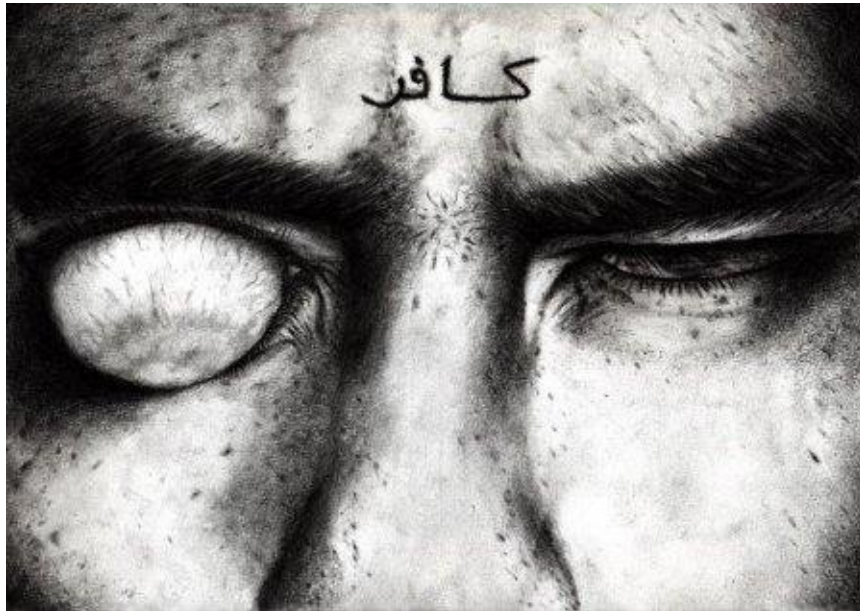


The Anti-Christ of the Latter Days

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In the name of God, the Gracious, the Merciful



Think gigantic monster with “kafir” (non-believer) imprinted on its forehead with one eye bright and shining like that of Mad Eye Moody from the Harry Potter series, and the other blind and broken resembling a grape. This monster will also conquer the world, and have an assistant which will be a giant fire-breathing donkey that has the space of a day and nights’ journey between its legs. The big one-eyed monster will also be helped by a mischievous people known as Gog and Magog. Jesus will then come down from the sky and single-handedly slay the donkey. Joining Jesus^{as} will be his Muslim compatriot sidekick, the Imam Mahdi (the Guided

One) prophesied to appear in the latter days by the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}. Hard to believe? Well this is a description of al-Masih al-Dajjal (The Antichrist: المسيح الدجال) in the Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}. I will now endeavor to explain the real significance behind these Ahadith (Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}) regarding the Dajjal.

The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that one day the Mahdi will appear, who will be a divinely guided reformer of Islam in the latter days, and along with Jesus^{as}, he will slay the Dajjal in what is known as the Battle of Armageddon with the breath of his mouth which will reach very far and kill the followers of the Dajjal. A few traditions of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} however reveal that “There is no other Mahdi than Jesus”¹ and that “it is just possible that he who lives of you might meet Jesus the son of Mary who is the Imam Mahdi and a just judge.”²

Ahadith and Qur’an Regarding al-Dajjal

The authenticity of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} truly warning the Muslims about the imminent appearance of the Dajjal is quite firmly established as it is mentioned quite extensively in many Compilations of Ahadith (Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}) including Sahih Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, Musnad of Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal (100 Ahadith about Dajjal in that Book), Sunan Ibn Majah, Nisa’i, Kanz al-‘Ummal, Bihar al-Anwar, Nuzhat al-Majalis, and many others I have not named for the sake of brevity (including the Books of the Sahih Sittah or 6 Authentic Ones). The appearance of the Dajjal is very important, as the Prophet^{sa} says:

“Oh people! There is no trial greater than the Dajjal since the creation of man up to the coming of al-Sa’ah (The Hour or Day of Judgement).”³

The Qur’an never mentions the Dajjal by name although Gog and Magog (Ya’juj and Ma’juj) are mentioned in the Qur’an. The reason for this is explained later on in this dissertation.

Introductory Description of al-Dajjal

The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that the Dajjal would be so massive and gigantic that even fairy tales and fables cannot give justice to the size of the Dajjal. The Dajjal would be so tall that his head would go through the clouds into the sky and you would not be able to see it. And the Dajjal would be so immensely powerful that he would conquer the whole world single-handedly.⁴ Then, the Holy Prophet^{sa} narrates that though the Dajjal would have two eyes, one

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah, Bab Shiddah al-Zaman

² Musnad Ahmad

³ Mishkat Chapter al-Dajjal, Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7 No. 2028

⁴ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7 Chapter al-Dajjal

would be swollen and closed and it would look similar to a small dark grape. The other eye would be large and wide open. It would be shining as well as look around rapidly and continuously. The closed eye would be the right one, while the open eye would be the left eye.⁵

Description of the Dajjal’s Donkey

The Traditions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} also reveal that the Dajjal would have an assistant with it. This assistant would be a huge donkey, which in one narration is described as white in colour.⁶ This donkey’s two ears would be 30 yards apart and between its two legs there would be a distance of a day and a night’s journey.⁷ This means that you would have to spend a day and a night just to cross from one leg of the Dajjal’s donkey to the other leg! The Ahadith of the Holy Prophet^{sa} further reveal that the donkey would move exceptionally fast.⁸

It would cover distances in only a few hours that usually take days, and it would go faster than any other animal on earth.⁹ Also, this donkey would not just be used by the Dajjal but the people could use it as well, and the Holy Prophet^{sa} never admonished the Muslims not to use the donkey. It is also narrated that the donkey would have a door on its belly and that people could go into the donkey’s belly through this door and go out of it.¹⁰ Then the Prophet^{sa} says, that inside the belly of the donkey, it would have light fixtures probably similar to those in the room in which you are reading this, and also comfortable seats similar to the one you may be sitting on now.¹¹

The narrations also reveal that the donkey would eat fire.¹² The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that the donkey would stop sometimes and the public would be allowed to have a chance to come into its belly. Every time the donkey would be about to leave, its departure would be loudly announced to the people so that they may know.¹³ The Holy Prophet^{sa} then said that even though the people would go into the donkey’s belly as passengers, they wouldn’t be affected by

⁵ Sahih Muslim

⁶ Kanz al-‘Ummal

⁷ Ibid

⁸ Ibid

⁹ Nuzhat al-Majalis

¹⁰ Bihar al-Anwar

¹¹ Ibid

¹² Ibid

¹³ Ibid

the fire that the donkey ate.¹⁴ The donkey would also be able to travel on the sea and move from continent to continent riding the ocean waves.¹⁵

This incredible donkey would grow larger while traveling on the ocean.¹⁶¹⁷ The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that the reason for this is because it would transport “mountains of food” upon its back across the oceans. Often, the donkey would deliver this food to the poorer countries on earth which would bow down to the powerful Dajjal who would be ruling the world at the time. It states in the Ahadith that the Dajjal would have mountains of food while the rest of the world would be in poverty except the for the Dajjal’s followers.¹⁸

This amazing donkey would also have the ability to fly because some of its gigantic leaps are described by the Holy Prophet^{sa} to cover distances between East and West.¹⁹ It is said that one foot of the beast will be in the East and the other in the West. This is indicative of the size of its leap, meaning that it would take off from one continent and land in another, similar to something Superman might do in his comic book escapades. When the donkey would be flying, it would be above the clouds.²⁰

While the donkey would eat fire, it would leave clouds of smoke in front of it as well as behind it when it traveled in the land or sea.²¹

Finally, the last sign given by the Holy Prophet^{sa} of this donkey is that the donkey would have the moon on his forehead.²² Seeing as the moon is millions of miles away from the Earth in outer space, does this mean that the same moon in the night sky would be on the donkey’s forehead and it would be shining?

Reality of Dajjal and its Donkey

Now, what sort of an interesting creature is this donkey? Does anyone seriously think

¹⁴ Ibid

¹⁵ Nuzhat al-Majalis

¹⁶ Ibid

¹⁷ Sahih al-Bukhari

¹⁸ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol 7. No. 2090, 2092

¹⁹ Sahih al-Bukhari

²⁰ Kanz al-‘Ummal

²¹ Ibid

²² Ibid

that this donkey can really exist? Alas, many contemporary Muslim scholars are, in fact, looking for this donkey. They look in the Middle East for this donkey which eats fire with the door on its belly, because they expect the Dajjal will appear between Syria (al-Shām) and ‘Iraq. They even look for the one-eyed giant known as the Dajjal. So far, they haven’t found anything and I’m certain that they will not find anything like this in the future.

I will now briefly describe what the Dajjal, its donkey, Gog and Magog, the Battle of Armageddon, and the narrations of the Holy Prophet^{sa} regarding these topics really represent.

Before I begin to explain the reality behind the Dajjal as revealed through the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi (‘alayhi al-salam) the Qur’an itself states that some things of a prophetic nature within it (and thereby also the Sayings of the Prophet^{sa} seeing as he was the “Qur’an in person” according to ‘Ayesha^{ra} and the Ahadith are the other only religious book for Muslims) are metaphorical while others are literal:

“He it is Who has revealed the Book to thee. Some of its verses are decisive. They are the basis of the Book – and others are allegorical.” (Surah Āl-e-‘Imran , Chapter 3, Verse 6)

The Promised Messiah, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} of Qadian, said that the Dajjal was none other than the Christian (capitalist) nations and clergy of the world as well as the usually atheist philosophers/scientists of Europe. In other words, the Dajjal consists of these 2 groups of the Western World. He also explained that the donkey was a metaphor for mechanical inventions such as the train, airplane and car to be invented and used by the Dajjal. Why is this so?

The Dajjal’s Donkey

It says that the donkey would eat fire. Cars, trains and airplanes all use a combustion engine to run. Combustion engines draw their energy from fire. It says in Encarta Encyclopedia that an internal-combustion engine, commonly used by cars, is an “engine in which fuel is burned in combustion chambers within the engine, instead of in an external furnace, and in which the energy released moves one or more pistons.”

An external-combustion-engine, commonly used by trains and airplanes is “an engine that converts into power heat generated from fuel consumed outside the engine, e.g. a steam engine.” These two definitions show that the car, airplane or train actually metaphorically “eat fire”!

It also says in the Ahadith that the donkey would move extremely swift, far faster than any animal and cover distances that usually took days to cover only in a few hours. And trains/cars/airplanes do precisely that!

Then it is narrated that the donkey would have a door in its belly that people could open

to get inside its belly, where it would have lights and comfortable seats. The donkey would occasionally stop to allow passengers to enter it and then it would be loudly announced when it would start to go again. It is also narrated that, even though the donkey would eat fire, the passengers of the donkey wouldn't be harmed. Trains, airplanes and cars all have a door on the side which people use to enter inside them. They all have lights and comfortable seats within. Also, as for trains and airplanes (and some vehicles like buses or taxis), they stop to allow people to get on or off, and it is announced when the vehicle will resume its journey for the benefit of those at the transit point. The fact that cars, airplanes and trains use combustion engines and that the passengers are never hurt in any way proves the Hadith where it states that “the donkey would eat fire and yet the passengers inside of the donkey's belly would not be harmed.”

It is also narrated in the Ahadith that the donkey would travel on the ocean from one continent to the other and that it would often take “mountains of food” on its back to be delivered to the poorer nations of the earth who are under the rule of the Dajjal. Accordingly, huge container vessels do exactly that; traveling the oceans to carry large quantities of food to be shipped to the poorer nations of the earth. The fact that the Hadith says that the poorer nations would be under the rule of the Dajjal proves that the Dajjal is indeed the Christian nations of today because they hold an iron fist over the world with imperialism. They are also the only developed, first world nations of the world.²³

The donkey is also said to be capable of flight and that when it would fly, it would fly above the clouds. Airplanes do precisely that. Then the Ahadith reveal that when the donkey would be done eating fire, it would leave trails of smoke at its back and front while traveling on land or sea. Trains leave puffs of smoke at the front of the train. Cars emit smoke from their backs and ships – especially the steam-ship – also emit smoke. And today's modern jets leave contrails in the air --- long streams of cloud-like smoke caused by water vapor in the air passing through the jet's engines.

The last sign given about this donkey is that it would have the moon on its forehead. We know that cars have headlights which resemble tiny moons. Some cars even have solar headlights which function with the aid of solar energy. That is intriguing because we know that the moon doesn't create its own light but borrows the light from the sun. Similarly, solar headlights recharge with the aid of the sun and then emit that light obtained from the sun in the nighttime just as the moon does.

The Dajjal

I have given you the proofs behind the donkey of the Dajjal being vehicles of transport. But what about the Dajjal? Why is the Dajjal the Christian nations of today and how did the Promised Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} defeat the Dajjal if he came in the spirit and power

²³ Ibid

of Jesus^{as} and was the Imam Mahdi, according to the prophecies found in the Ahadith?

Meaning of al-Dajjal According to Classical Arabic

First of all, the definition of “Dajjal” must be understood in classical (fus’ha) Arabic. The word “dajjal” is derived from the root word “dajala” (دجـل) meaning to deceive, cover up, or lie to conceal truth. Dajjal therefore means “the Great Deceiver”. One thing must be understood that the classical dictionaries of Arabic lexicon reveal that the Dajjal is a group of people and not one person. For example the Taj al-‘Urus states:

“The Dajjal is the name of a large party which, through force of numbers, will spread over the whole earth, and according to some authorities, it is the name of a party which keeps moving from one part of the world to another the goods and material in which it trades.”

Aqrab states:

“The Dajjal is a large party.”

Furthermore, the Arabic dictionary of Lisan al-‘Arab reveals the meanings of the word Dajjal. One meaning is that the Dajjal is so called due to being a liar and covering or concealing the truth with falsehood. Another meaning is that he will cover the earth with the largeness of his numbers. A third is that he will cover the people with disbelief. A fourth is that he will spread over and cover the entire earth. A fifth is that the Dajjal actually may signify a community which will spread its merchandise all over the world ie. its articles of trade. Finally, a fifth meaning is that he will cover his true intentions with false words.

Furthermore, the Promised Messiah^{as} says regarding the unity of the word Dajjal as encountered in the Ahadith that:

“As to the Antichrist, now listen, I will explain to you the reality on the basis of the clear and pure revelation that I have received... Then understand, my dear ones, that it has been disclosed to me that the reference to the Antichrist as one individual is not designed to indicate his personal individuality, but his unity as a species, meaning thereby that in that species there will be a unity of ideas as is, indeed, indicated by the word *dajjal* [Antichrist] itself and in this name there are many Signs for those who reflect. The meaning of the word *dajjal* is a chain of deceptive ideas, the links of which are so attached to each other as if it was a structure of equal-sized bricks of the same colour, quality and strength, some of them firmly overlapping others and further strengthened by being plastered from outside.”²⁴

The Promised Messiah^{as} further states:

²⁴ A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, pp. 552–555 (Ruhani Khaza’in [Spiritual Treasures], vol. 5)

“It should be remembered that in the lexicographical sense Dajjal means a “group of liars”, who mix up falsehood with truth, and use fraud and deception to misguide the creatures of God.”²⁵

Reason Why Dajjal is Called al-Masih (The Messiah)

The Promised Messiah^{as} explains that as Allah is al-Isim al-‘Azam (the Greatest Name) of God, al-Masih al-Dajjal is also the Greatest Name of Shaytan (Satan). Therefore the reason behind the name Masih before the name Dajjal (the Great Deceiver) is that at the time of the Dajjal, there would be a heavenly Messiah who would invite humanity towards truth and God’s Light, and at the same time there would be the force of Shaytan or the Dajjal inviting mankind towards misinformation and untruths by way of deception. This shows the reality behind the meaning of the Battle of Armageddon, which means this would be a final struggle between Light and Darkness, God’s followers and Shaytan’s, Good and Evil. This concept has been established by the conduct and life of every prophet, such as Buddha^{as} and Jesus^{as} being tempted by Satan but resisting it, or Lao-Tzu^{as}’s explanation of Yin and Yang, the constant struggle between Light and Darkness, in which the struggle is called “Chaos” or Prophet Zoroaster^{as}’s explanation of God being the force of Light (Ahura Mazda) and Satan representing darkness (Ahriman). As Lao-Tzu^{as} explained, this “chaos” is what is meant by Jihad (struggle) and in this day and age, the Jihad is against the Dajjal by way of the pen (intellectual arguments) which is backed up by the Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} himself (scroll down to near the end of this essay).

However, even though this struggle always occurs amongst humans forever, sometimes the force of darkness prevails, and that is when a Prophet is sent to the world. Thus, according to the Promised Messiah^{as} and even the Baghamad-Gita, a Prophet appears whenever there is unrighteousness upon the world. The Promised Messiah^{as} explained that there are eras of a thousand years each, with an era representing Light (the appearance of a Prophet) and the subsequent era representing Darkness (when the Prophet’s teachings were corrupted by his followers). Therefore amongst battles against Darkness, the Battle against Dajjal would be most important as the Prophet^{sa} says that this is the greatest trial since the creation of man until the Day of Judgement. This is the reason behind naming the Dajjal as the Evil Messiah, which denotes the Dajjal as the antithesis and opposite force to the Heavenly Promised Messiah.

The Promised Messiah^{as} in this regard says:

“To be so completely free from all kinds of darkness of the corporeal self, as to become soul incorporeal, is the consummation of self-purification and self-annihilation for the sake of Allah. This is the state of Messiahship (*‘Iswiyyah* or literally: “Jesushood”) which Allah bestows to perfection upon whomever He pleases.

²⁵ Izalah Auham pg. 488

And the highest stage of *Dajjaliyyah*, according to:

...he inclined to the earth... (Surah al-A'raf, Chapter 7, Verse 177)

is that a person becomes progressively more and more inclined towards mundane desires till he falls into the abyss of darkness and becomes darkness itself. He acquires a natural amity with darkness and an innate antagonism to light. The existence of *Dajjaliyyah*, as opposed to *'Iswiyyah*, is imperative, because opposites can only be recognized by contrast.”²⁶

Imam Raghib^{rh} further accepts this view as he says:

“Masih has been named before the name Dajjal as a sign of its great power at the time as a force of evil. Also, it has been reported that the Dajjal's right eye will not have sight but its left eye will. This means that the Dajjal will be bereft of moral qualities such as spiritual knowledge, and humility, whereas the Promised Messiah will be free of ignorance, avarice, greed and other despicable moral vices of this kind.”

The reason for the Dajjal having “Messiah” in its name could also be due to it accepting a wrong picture of Jesus, the Messiah^{as} being the son of God, as it also states in the Qur'an in relation to the Dajjal (see section about Surah al-Kahf).

Dajjal is a Group of People According to Ahadith and Qur'an

The Prophet (sall'Allahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said:

“You will fight them (the Arabs) and Allah will give you victory over them; then you will fight with Persia and Allah will give you victory over them; then you will fight with the Dajjal and Allah will give you victory over them.”²⁷

So like the Arabs and Persians, the Dajjal is described as a nation of people here. Even though it is still described as a single person, this can be understood through logic as the Qur'an says:

“Yā Bani Isrā'eel (Oh Children of Israel)! Call to mind My favour which I bestowed on you and that I made you excel the nations.” (Surah al-Baqarah, Chapter 2, Verse 47)

²⁶ The Heavenly Sign, pg. 20

²⁷ Mishkat Chapter al-Malahim

Even though Allah is addressing the Jews at the time of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}, He is referring to favours bestowed upon the Jews at the time of Moses^{as} or centuries after him. But all these numerous generations are spoken of as a single entity.

Also the only way an entire nation of people can be symbolically portrayed in a dream or vision is through the depiction of a single person or figure. This will be explained further in the section labeled as “Physical Appearance of Dajjal”.

“Kafir” on Forehead

Furthermore, it is narrated that the Dajjal would have the Arabic letters kāf-fā-rā (k-f-r) on its forehead, meaning “kafir” (non-believer).²⁸ The Prophet^{sa} further narrates that only the believers (Muslims) would be able to see this distinguishing feature of the Dajjal, and that they would be able to see it whether they are literate or not.²⁹ Anyone who is not a Muslim in the Qur’an is described as a non-believer. Therefore seeing as Christians are non-believers, this meaning of the Dajjal having kafir on its forehead is clearly evident. Only the literate can actually read words. So by saying that only the true believers would be able to see this mark of kufr (disbelief) on its forehead even if they were illiterate indicates that this does not refer to words at all but means that the disbelief of the Dajjal would manifest itself through the Dajjal’s deeds and ideas.

Physical Appearance of Dajjal

The Prophet^{sa} gives a description of the Dajjal that is a very accurate description of the Slavs and Teutonic people (explained in the Gog and Magog section later on as comprising the Dajjal). The Prophet Muhammad^{sa} said:

“And I saw a person with short, curly hair, whose right eye was blind. Who is this? I was told it was named al-Masih al-Dajjal.”³⁰

As narrated by Ibn ‘Abbas^{ra}:

“The Dajjal is one-eyed and Allah is not one-eyed. He is sparkling white in complexion.”³¹

“The Dajjal is stoutly (heavily) built, white and shining, whose one eye is brilliant like a

²⁸ Sahih al-Bukhari

²⁹ Musnad Ahmad Vol. II

³⁰ Sahih al-Bukhari 77: 68, 92

³¹ Musnad Ahmad Vol. I

shining star.”³²

Asides from the Dajjal having “kafir” on its forehead which I have already explained, and being blind in one eye which is explained in the next section, the Dajjal is described as white in complexion as well as having curly hair, which is similar to the appearance of the Slavonic and Teutonic peoples (explained in the section labeled “Gog and Magog”).

Blind in One Eye



The Ahadith reveal that the Dajjal would have two eyes, one blind and one wide open. This shows that one eye, the left eye which would only see worldly things, would be wide open and the right eye of spirituality, the eye in which you could see God, would be closed. The great Islamic interpreter of dreams of the 8th century Ibn Sirin^{rh} of Egypt, also wrote in his famous book *Ta'beer al-Royaa'* (Interpretation of Dreams) that the eye symbolizes spirituality. It is also generally known from the Qur'an that the right side represents the heavenly side, and the left always of Shaytan. It is for this reason that Muslims wash themselves using their right hand when attending the call of nature. This sidedness is also found in nature, as was written in [“Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth”](#) in by Khalifah al-Masih IV^{rh}.³³ It is interesting to note also, that the back of the US dollar bill contains an image of the Eye of Horus, which is incidentally the same symbol of the Dajjal.

Power and Means of Transport of Dajjal

“And there will be no part of the world left which the Dajjal shall not dominate except the cities of Makkah and Madina.”³⁴

It is narrated that the Dajjal would be very huge and dominate the world. The capitalist

³² Ibid

³³ http://www.alislam.org/library/books/revelation/part_5_section_6.html

³⁴ Kanz al-'Ummal Vol. 7 No. 2988

powers as well as scientists of the West are doing just that. In the past, the British Empire also achieved this with their imperialist agenda.

The donkey would be the assistant to the Dajjal. If the donkey is taken to mean the airplane, ship, car or train; we find that all of these things were invented at the hands of the Christian nations and that they are utilizing these things. The Wright Brothers invented the airplane, and the first assembly-line automobile was invented by Henry Ford. As I said earlier, the Holy Prophet^{sa} allowed the Muslims to also use them and the Ahadith prophesize that people who are not the Dajjal would also use these things.

So this is the Dajjal and this is its donkey. Only by using such terminology as “donkey” could the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} explain to his fellow contemporaries about the airplane, car, or plane. These new avenues of transportation are further elaborated by a prophecy in the Qur’an itself where it says:

“And when the she-camels, ten-month pregnant are abandoned.” (Surah al-Takwir, Chapter 81, Verse 5)

"And He has created horses and mules and donkeys that you may ride them, and as a source of beauty. And He will create what you do not yet know." (Surah al-Nahl, Chapter 16, Verse 9)

This indicates that the camel will become obsolete and new vehicles for transportation will replace it. Can you imagine being in 7th century Arabia – where travel by camel was essential for survival because only a camel could survive the scorching heat of the desert – and being told the camel would one day be obsolete?

“We said, ‘Yā Rasūl Allah! (Oh Messenger of Allah!) How swift will the Dajjal travel on the earth? He said: As the cloud is carried by the wind.”³⁵

“The earth will be rolled up for him. He will hold the cloud in his right hand and will overreach the sun at its setting place. The sea will be ankle deep for him. Before him will be a mountain of smoke.”³⁶

The above recited hadith is an eerily accurate depiction of the Dajjal using the automobile (as if the earth is rolled up for him), airplane (holding the cloud in his hand and reaching the sun), ship (sea being ankle deep for him), and train (a mountain of smoke before him).

Here is another one from one of the Sahih (authentic) Ahadith Compilations:

³⁵ Mishkat Chapter al-Dajjal

³⁶ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7 No. 2998

“The Dajjal will move with the swiftness of a rain-laden cloud which is being propelled by the rear by fast winds... In such circumstances, Allah the Exalted shall raise the Promised Messiah^{as} and inform him by way of revelation that ‘I have now created such a people against whom no one shall have the power to wage war.’... Allah shall raise Ya’juj and Ma’juj and they shall leap from every height rapidly.”³⁷

The swiftness of movement as rain-laden clouds while being propelled in the rear by fast winds is reminiscent of the jets of today. In addition “I have now created such a people against whom no one shall have the power to wage war” refers to the sheer military power of the Dajjal at the time, which shall rule the entire world. Furthermore, Gog and Magog leaping from every height rapidly may be referring to the Qur’anic verse in this regard (see section on Gog and Magog) as well as indicates their rapid forms of transportation, similar to “leaping” about.

Meaning of Dajjal Not Entering Mekkah or Madinah

There is a hadith in both Sahih al-Bukhari and Mishkat in which it is mentioned that a strange youth named Ibn Sayyid would talk to himself. The Prophet^{sa} went to go see him, accompanied by ‘Umar^{ra} because he thought that the boy may have been under the influence of black magic, receiving Satanic revelation, or have been schizophrenic etc. When the Prophet^{sa} saw him, he touched his face, as was his custom and asked him if he accepted him as the Prophet of Allah. Ibn Sayyid looked back and deliriously said that “you are the prophet of liars!” ‘Umar^{ra} then immediately said that “this boy is the Dajjal! Let me slay him!” but the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} replied that if the boy is not the Dajjal, then he would have killed an innocent boy for no reason, and if it was the Dajjal then only ‘Eisa bin Maryam (Jesus son of Mary)^{as} could kill it, indicating the Promised Messiah.

In later years, Ibn Sayyid apparently accepted Islam, but there was still a rumour going around among the Muslims that he was the Dajjal. He said to them that he was a Muslim and not the Dajjal and this was proven by the fact that he had gone to Madinah and even Mekkah many times to perform the Hajj (pilgrimage), and that the Dajjal would not enter either of these cities. He also for some reason said that he wished to be the Dajjal.

If the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} and Hadrat ‘Umar^{ra} both did not see Kafir written on the forehead of Ibn Sayyid, noticed that he had 2 eyes with full vision, and visited him in Madinah, then why was there even any notion that he may have been the Dajjal? Why didn’t the Prophet^{sa} start to recite the signs of the Dajjal needing literal fulfillment ie. one eye being blind, kafir on forehead, etc.? This incident shows that the prophecy of Dajjal is subject to interpretation and of an allegorical nature. That is why the Prophet^{sa} and ‘Umar^{ra} thought about whether Ibn Sayyid could be fulfilling signs of the Dajjal in his person or not.

³⁷ Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Fitan, Chapter Dhikr al-Dajjal

The Promised Messiah^{as} himself explains this incident of Ibn Sayyid where he says:

“The Prophet^{sa} called Ibn Sayyad Dajjal and said to Hadrat ‘Ali^{ra}: ‘You bear a resemblance to ‘Isa^{as} (Jesus)’. This was when the seed of ‘Isa^{as} and Dajjal was sown. With the passage of time, as the darkness of Dajjal grew, so did people with the true spirit of ‘Isa^{as} continue to appear to oppose it. This went on until the perfect Dajjaliyyah (Dajjalship) emerged in the last days, because of the vice, sin, disbelief, and transgression that prevailed all over the world like it had never done before. The Holy Prophet^{sa} had prophesied that such conditions would prevail in the latter days. Hence it was necessary that there should also be a full manifestation of ‘Iswiyyah (Messiahship) to counter it (meaning the Promised Messiah^{as} himself).”³⁸

This also shows that the Dajjal will conquer the entire world but never enter the Holy Lands of Mekkah, the site of the Islamic Hajj (Muslim Pilgrimage) which is one of the 5 pillars of Islam, or Madinah al-Nabi, the City of the Prophet^{sa}.

Significance of the Sea of Tiberius (al-Bahr al-Tabariyyah)

In a hadith relating to the Dajjal ascribed to be a story the Prophet^{sa} narrated in which one of his companions, Tamim Dari^{ra}, met the Dajjal in a vision (related in the section labeled as “Dajjal Chained on an Island” later on in the essay) he asked the Dajjal to:

“Tell me about the Gulf of Tiberius... Is there any water left in it?”³⁹

Another hadith also reveals that:

“The first part of the locust-like army of Gog and Magog shall pass by the Sea of Tiberius drinking up all its water so that when the latter part of the army arrives, it shall say that ‘there was once water here. Where has it gone?’”⁴⁰

The Sea of Tiberius is also known as the Sea of Galilee and is located in Israel. It is known to be the world’s second lowest lake in terms of sea level, second only to the Dead Sea (a saltwater lake) which is also interesting as the Qur’an also states that the Dead Sea is the lowest lake in Surah al-Rūm (Chapter: The Romans).

It’s interesting to see that the Sea of Tiberius steadily decreasing in water level to the point where it shall have none left in it. It currently has a dangerously low water level.⁴¹ If this

³⁸ The Heavenly Sign, pg. 21

³⁹ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7 No. 2027

⁴⁰ Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Fitan, Dhikr al-Dajjal

⁴¹ <http://news.sky.com/home/world-news/article/15274946>

process has already started, that means the Promised Messiah^{as} must have appeared, along with the Dajjal and Gog and Magog (explained in the section labeled “Gog and Magog”).

Destruction of Dajjal a Gradual Process

But why didn't the Promised Messiah immediately kill the Dajjal; as it says in the Ahadith that the Mahdi and Messiah would destroy the Dajjal? The Promised Messiah, Ahmad^{as} gives an answer to this in his book ‘Victory of Islam’:

“All those who resemble the Anti-Christ, those who love this world too much and who have only one eye, having lost the eye for spiritual truth, all of them will perish by the sword of solid unanswerable arguments. Truth will prevail. A new bright day will dawn again for Islam. Same as it did before. The sun of Islam will rise in full bloom, same as it did before. But this will not be at once. Imperative it is that this should not happen until we have proved our worth by devoted hard work, by offering our life-blood, by sacrificing our rest and peace, by accepting all indignities for the dignity of Islam.”

The Promised Messiah^{as} said that “the sun of Islam will rise in full bloom.” This is in accordance to one of the Traditions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} that “in the latter days, the sun shall rise from the West.”⁴² We know that scientifically, the sun can only rise from the East, so what does this prophecy mean? It means that the sun of Islam will rise in the West among the Christian nations until they the majority of them accepts the true peaceful Islam as represented by al-Jama’ah al-Islamiyyah al-Ahmadiyyah (the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community), as it says in the Qur’an:

“He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of Truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it.” (Surah al-Saff, Chapter 61, Verse 10)

At the time of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}, there were only five religions in the general vicinity of Arabia where Islam was established, namely; Christianity, Judaism, the paganism of Mecca, the religion of the Sabians, and Zoroastrianism. If there were only five religions then how could it be that in the time of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}, Islam would prevail over all other religions and not just five? This proves, that in this day and age, when the Dajjal has been creating assistants such as the television, telephone and internet, the Muslims are now truly integrated with the followers of all other faiths in the world. So it would seem fitting that this is the time when Islam would prevail over all other religions and the Dajjal would be crushed in subservience to the Promised Messiah^{as}. This is also supported by a prophecy of the Qur’an that one day mankind will be united as a global village by use of the internet, telephone etc:

"And when *various* people are brought together." (Surah al-Takwir, Chapter 81, Verse 8)

⁴² Sahih Muslim

Another thing to note is that if the Dajjal comprises of a grouping of nations, as shall be established by the end of this essay, then how could one man kill an entire grouping of nations consisting of millions of people? Moreover the Qur’an states that the Christians shall exist till the Day of Judgement in many places.⁴³ So what is meant by “killing” of Dajjal is metaphorical to mean that eventually the people comprising the Dajjal will leave this false Messiah and accept the true Messiah, who already came.

Surah al-Kahf to Protect Muslims from al-Dajjal

Another thing to note is that the Holy Prophet Rasul’ullah (barakAllahu ismohu wa sall’Allahu ‘alayhi wa ‘aalihi wa sallam jaseelun – blessed by Allah be his name and may a thousand blessings and peace be upon him and his people) advised the Muslims to recite the first and last 10 verses of Surah al-Kahf (Chapter: The Cave) of the Qur’an to protect themselves from the Dajjal.⁴⁴

The first and last 10 verses of Surah al-Kahf advises us to tell the Christians that God did not have a son, and that Jesus is not God. For example it says:

“Praise be to Allah Who revealed the Book to His servant... to give warning of severe punishment from Him... And warn those who say Allah has taken a son.” (Surah al-Kahf, Chapter 18, Verses 1-4)

The Ashab al-Kahf (People of the Cave) in this Surah refers to the early Christians (who were actually just Jews who believed in Jesus^{as} as the Messiah, and the absolute Unity of God) who were persecuted by the polytheist Romans due to their beliefs and fled to caves in Rome where they lived in fear of persecution. These passageways in the caves in Rome have been found today and have been traced to the time of the early Christians. The Qur'an also says that to alert the inhabitants of the Cave, there would be a dog at the front of the cave who would bark if (Roman) intruders were nearby.

It's interesting to note that within exactly 309 years, Roman Emperor Constantine finally accepted Christianity under the influence of Pauline Christianity, and the Christians were not persecuted any more for their beliefs. This is what the Surah is pointing towards. However, by this point, Christianity had become distorted from its Jewish roots to resemble something deliberately co-mingled with Greek-Roman Trinitarian paganism.

So Surah al-Kahf is there to protect us from the Christian nations of the world a.k.a. the Dajjal. Why would the Prophet^{sa} advise us to recite these verses to protect us from the Dajjal

⁴³ Holy Qur’an 3:55

⁴⁴ Sahih Muslim, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, Musnad Ahmad

when the Dajjal itself is not even mentioned in the verses by name, but only the Christians with their false idea of Jesus being the literal son of God is mentioned? It indicates that the Dajjal is indeed the Christian nations and clergy of today.

It is noteworthy that the Ashab al-Kahf (People of the Cave) refers to those early Christians who were really just peaceful Jews who believed in the Messiah (similar to how Ahmadis are peaceful Muslims who believe in the Messiah of our time). They had not invented a new religion, and were righteous servants of God, who were persecuted for their beliefs (another similar situation to the followers of Ahmad^{as}, the Promised Messiah). At the end of Surah al-Kahf however, it mentions a different people who would arise out of the People of the Cave (Christians) in the latter age called the Ashab al-Raqīm (People of the Inscription). Raqam in Arabic means “a thing written”. This word is particularly used in terms of prices written on articles of trade such as cloth etc. This therefore indicates that in the first stage of the history of the Christians, they were those who renounced the world for the sake of God as His true servants, but in the latter stage they adopted materialism and what Surah al-Kahf describes as:

“Those whose effort goes astray in this world’s life.” (Surah al-Kahf, Chapter 18, Verse 104)

This is also corroborated by the fact that the right eye of the Dajjal would be closed, something I have established already to be a metaphor representing spirituality, while the left eye of materialistic pursuits would be wide open and shining.

Anyone who wants to see the first and last 10 verses of Surah al-Kahf and the Tafsir (Commentary) of the Surah (Chapter), can do so here:

<http://www.alislam.org/quran/tafseer/?page=574®ion=EN&CR=E1,E2&CR=E1,E2>

Gog and Magog (Ya’juj and Ma’juj)

Regarding Gog and Magog, they are known as a people that utilize fire very often. The capitalist and communist nations of the world use firepower in wars as well as invest millions of dollars on nuclear energy, nuclear weapons and other weaponry i.e., using fire. They are mentioned in the Qur’an while the Dajjal by name is not (however Christianity of the latter days is as shown in Surah al-Kahf, to mean Dajjal).

The Arabic words Ya’jūj (Gog) and Ma’jūj (Magog) are derived from ajj or ajeej in the forms of yaf’ūl and maf’ūl and ajeej means “the flames of fire”. Ajja also means asra’ah meaning “he walked fast”. These are the meanings given by Lisan al-‘Arab.

There is a prophecy regarding the fiery nature of Ya’juj and Ma’juj in the Qur’an where it says:

“Perished be the two hands of Abu Lahab, and so perish he. His wealth and what he has earned shall avail him naught. Soon shall he enter into a blazing fire.” (Surah al-Lahab, Chapter 112, Verses 1-2)

Abu Lahab was an uncle of the Holy Prophet^{sa} who was his staunch enemy. Abu Lahab in Arabic literally means “Father of Fire”. Besides from meaning the Abu Lahab that passed away centuries ago, this Surah refers to Ya’juj and Ma’juj as Abu Lahab seeing as they both mean those who utilize fire, and the chapter refers to Abu Lahab’s two hands to perish (ie. Gog and Magog). It also states that these people shall have a lot of material wealth and that it will not avail them on the day they perish. It also states that this group shall enter a “blazing fire” or “naar” in Arabic. In the Qur’an “naar” can also refer to “war” as it says:

“Whenever the enemies of the Holy Prophet^{sa} kindle a fire for war, Allah extinguishes it.” (Chapter 5, Verse 65)

So Surah al-Lahab is prophecizing about a time far away and distant in the future, indicated in Arabic by the meaning of “soufa” (soon). In this age, the people of Gog and Magog will utilize fire (ie. weaponry and even nuclear weapons) to fight against the Muslims in a big war. However they shall be stopped, through peaceful exhortation of the Messiah’s^{as} teachings, as shall be explained later on in the essay. Thus this image of World War III may be avoided if they accept the Messiah before this war happens, as the people of Jonah^{as} repented and accepted him as a prophet, and therefore a punishment by Allah was averted for them. A more in-depth commentary of this Surah is given by Khalifah al-Masih II^{ra} in one of the links given in the end of the essay.

The Qur’an further states, in regards to Gog and Magog in Surah al-Kahf that:

“And on that day We shall let some of them (Gog and Magog) surge against others.” (Surah al-Kahf, Chapter 18, Verse 99)

This indicates that the two nations of Gog and Magog will fight against each other. In other words, the Slavonic people, and Teutonic people (explained further on) or Russians being the Slavonic people, and British/German/Irish being the Teutonic people, shall fight against each other in wars. In both World Wars this happened for example in World War II when the Axis Powers fought against Nazi Germany, or even the Cold War in which the United States fought against the communist Soviet Union (composed of Russians).

The Promised Messiah^{as} elaborates about this where he says:

“Gog and Magog are two old nations of the world, who could not openly overpower others in the previous ages and were found in a weak state. But Allah says that both of them shall emerge from this obscurity in the latter days. In other words, they will manifest themselves in their glorious power. Thus He says in Surah al-Kahf (Chapter: The Cave) “And We

shall let some of them surge against others. This indicates that the two nations, after overpowering others (of the world), will attack one another.”⁴⁵

Immediately after mentioning Gog and Magog in that verse, Allah states:

“Do those who believe think they can take My servants to be friends besides me?”
(Surah al-Kahf, Chapter 18, Verse 102)

This indicates that Gog and Magog, and the Dajjal are the same. The reason for the 2 different names for the same entity is due to their different functions. Gog and Magog refers to its political functions (capitalist and communist powers) and as I will establish later on, racial functions (Slavs and Teutonic peoples). The Dajjal refers to its religious function as having been devoid of spirituality (indicated by the blindness in the right eye) and misleading people by deception. As you will see in the later part labeled “Two Groups of Dajjal”, all these categories of Dajjal aka Gog and Magog point to the same people.

It shall be so even when Gog and Magog are let loose and they shall hasten forth from every height. (Chapter 21, Verse 97)

This indicates that one day they will hasten forth from kulli haddabin (every elevated height) meaning they will have supreme eminence and power in the world. Also, as the height is mentioned as a height on earth, this indicates that they will attain lots of materialistic advancement but never attain heavenly heights like that attained by Jesus^{as} indicated in the Qur’an by the word rafa’ah (spiritual ascension). Also by the way it says that they shall be “let loose in the world” it indicates that they had already been existing even at the time of the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} but at this time when they will become a world power, they will be let loose all over the world. This could also refer to Western imperialism.

The Qur’an also, strangely enough, also points to a “blue-eyed” people who would rule the world after about a thousand lunar years of Islam’s existence. The Holy Prophet^{sa} himself also said that Islam would be glorious for the first three centuries of its existence, after which darkness would spread after a thousand years, and after which time (1300 years) the Imam Mahdi would come to revive Islam.⁴⁶ The Qur’an in this regard says:

“And verily, a day with thy Lord is sometimes as a thousand years of your reckoning.”
(Surah al-Hajj, Chapter 22, Verse 48)

“The day when the trumpet will be blown. And on that day We shall gather the sinful together, the blue-eyed. They will talk to one another in a low tone saying, ‘You tarried only ten

⁴⁵ Izala Auham, pg. 508

⁴⁶ Tirmidhi

days.” (Surah al-Ta Ha, Chapter 20, Verses 103-104)

The “trumpet” is a metaphor meaning as a trumpet is very loud, a great stir shall occur in the world due to the coming of the Messiah. The Qur’an mentions that there will be 3 trumpets blown that day, and the Bible mentions 7, when the Messiah shall appear on the earth.

The 10 days signify 10 centuries after Hijrah of the Prophet^{sa} in which the European powers of the world were at the time in a state of dormancy, known to them as “the Dark Ages.” It was only in the beginning of the 17th Century, or approximately 1000 years after the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} preached his message in the 7th Century, that the nations of Europe came out of their hibernation and began to spread over the world and conquer it through colonial imperialism. The Qur’an refers to them as “blue-eyed.” This in no way signifies racism as the Qur’an elsewhere says that:

“And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your tongues and colors. In that, surely, are Signs for those who possess knowledge.” (Surah al-Rūm, Chapter 30, Verse 23)

As a side note, the association of the terms “sinful” and “blue-eyed” in chapter 20, verse 103 (and elsewhere in the Quran) does not necessarily denote people with blue eyes, but refers to the fact that those who acknowledge their sinfulness (as on the Day of Judgment) will be “blue-eyed” in the sense of feeling sad and full of remorse, just as the common expression “feeling blue” does not reference a color but a mental state of sadness.

The Holy Prophet^{sa} also said in his Farewell Sermon that “a white man is not better than a black man, nor is a black man better than a white man. Nor is an Arab better than a non-Arab or a non-Arab better than an Arab. But all mankind are as brothers.”

The Qur’an just indicates that the blue-eyed Slavs and Teutonic peoples constitute the people of Gog and Magog, and also the Dajjal. This is further proven by the Bible where it says:

“And the word of the Lord came unto me saying, “Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. And say, ‘Thus saith the Lord God, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks in thine jaws.’” (Ezekiel 38:1-4)

Here Gog is clearly mentioned, being the same as Ya’juj of the Qur’an. Magog (Ma’juj) is also mentioned but only his land is spoken of. It states that Gog shall be the chief of Rosh or Russia (Rus), Meshech or Moscow, and Tubal or Tobalsk. While Russia is the name of the country, Omask and Tubal are two rivers upon which sit Moscow on Omask and Tobalsk on Tubal. This is a clear depiction of Gog being that of the blue-eyed Slavonic people of Russia, who asides from being Christians also constituted the USSR, a communist nation.

Of the blue-eyed, fair-skinned people of Europe (fair skin being a quality of the Dajjal as explained earlier by Ahadith) there are the Slavs (Russians) as well as the Teutonic people. The latter comprises of the British Anglo-Saxons as well as Germans. The British Empire was the empire that was a world power at the time of the Promised Messiah^{as} (the 1800s) and even ruled India, in which he was born. It also constitutes the Christian nations of the West, as Russia constituted the godless Communist nation in the past. It seems that the power of Britain has now shifted to the United States of America, with their (covert) imperialism. It is the same thing nonetheless, and this is the meaning of Magog. It is also peculiar to note that there are these twin statues in England called “Gog and Magog”. I will explain how Magog specifically applies to the British people, as according to the Holy Prophet^{sa}, in the next section.

A hadith also reveals that:

“The enemy of God, the Dajjal, will make his appearance and with him will be an army of Jews and various kinds of people.”⁴⁷

It’s startling to see then, that the USA is a very friendly ally with Zionist Israel, giving them billions of dollars every year. The Israeli Supreme Court building also contains the symbol of the Eye of Horus with pyramid in it, which is the same symbol on the US dollar bill known over there as the “Eye of Providence”. It’s perplexing why such symbols would be in an Israeli government building, when Moses^{as}, their law-giver Prophet, was against the pagan Egyptians, and this is a pagan Egyptian symbol. Anyhow, the eye symbolizes the Dajjal, as already established.

There is also a prophecy of the Jews creating the state of Israel at around the time of the Promised Messiah^{as}’s appearance. This is also in the Bible. The prophecy is:

“And after him We said to the Children of Israel, ‘Dwell you in the land (Palestine); and when *the time* of the Promise of the Latter Days comes, We shall bring you together *once again*.” (Surah Bani Isrā’īl, Chapter 17, Verse 105)

Dajjal Chained on an Island

This is also what is meant by some of the Traditions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} in which he said that the Dajjal is chained on an island (al-Jazeera) and would one day escape the island and spread about the entire world.^{48 49} One narration of the Hadith is that:

“Tamim Dari who was previously a Christian has come to me and embraced Islam, and

⁴⁷ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7 No. 2974

⁴⁸ Sahih Muslim

⁴⁹ Sunan Ibn Majah

now he says a thing about the Dajjal of which I have been talking to you about. He says that he set out on a voyage in the company of some people of the tribes of Lakhm and Juzām. After a month’s journey, their boat anchored on an island, they met a strange creature which called itself al-Jassāsah (the spy). This Jassāsah gives them the whereabouts of a person that lives in a great monastery (church). They visit the man in the church, whom they find to be a huge figure, whose hands are tied to his neck and whose legs are chained in iron fetters from the knees to the ankles. They start talking to this man, who incidentally asks them news about myself (the Holy Prophet^{sa}) and concludes by saying ‘I am Masih al-Dajjal and expect to be released before long, when I shall sally forth into whole world, except Mekkah and Madinah.’ Tamim also saw the man leap between heaven and earth and also remain chained.”⁵⁰

This island refers to England, and the English spread around the entire world through the colonial efforts of the British Empire. The Dajjal here being chained is clearly only a metaphor as the Companions of the Prophet^{sa} saw a vision depicting a man on this island leaping between heaven and earth and that he was also chained. This is clearly just figurative language. Also, how did the Dajjal know about the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}? Did he also receive revelation? This indicates it was a vision.

The location of this island (jazeera) is narrated as “a distance of one month’s journey from Syria”. This can also apply to Syria if travelling to England by boat or camel, as the newer methods of transport were not invented at the time.

In regards to al-Jassāsah, there is a very interesting and illuminating explanation. The one year in which the ultimate turning over of world power (intellectual/scientific/political/geographical) from the Muslim Empire to the Christian Empire was in 1492. This was the year when Christianity conquered Moorish Spain (al-Andalūs) after 700 years of Muslim rule. This is accepted by all historians and academics as the greatest turning point of world power in history, after which the Muslim Empire started to decline, and the Christian nations picked up the crumbs of what Islamic society had brought and expanded upon it leading up to the Italian Renaissance and Industrial Revolution of later Western Society. This is what is referred to in the Qur’an where it says:

“And when the mountains will be made to move.” (Chapter 81, Verse 4)

Mountains in Islamic allegory mean great worldly political powers and that is one of the many interpretations of that verse.

Is it not interesting to note then, that the reason Moorish (Islamic) Spain fell was because a couple of women were sent to the King of Islamic Spain, unbeknownst to him as spies (al-Jassāsah) who are generally known to have been the cause of the fall of Andalusia? The king accepted the women, thinking materialistically. The fact that these women spies

⁵⁰ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7 No. 2024, Sahih Muslim Book 41, Number 7028, Ibn Majah

initiated the dominion of Christianity over the world is a clear explanation to the vision of Tamim Dari.

It is also interesting to see that they specifically entered a church and found the Dajjal chained there.

This hadith also shows that the Dajjal was living at the time of the Holy Prophet^{sa} in the Island of Britain (indicating Magog) but would not be released until the appearance of the Messiah. Since that already occurred with the birth of the Promised Messiah^{as} in 1835, being also under the dominion of the British Empire (Dajjal), this sign is fulfilled. Jesus^{as} was under the dominion of the Roman Empire, which later adopted a mix of the theology of Paul and local Roman paganism in the rule of Emperor Constantine which is known today as Christianity. The British Empire was a Christian empire, preaching Christianity all over the commonwealth, including India where the Promised Messiah^{as} debated so many Christian missionaries himself.

The Ahadith further support this theory of the Dajjal having dominion over India at the time of the Messiah. The hadith quoted above about the Dajjal being chained on an Island to the West of Syria is referring to the Dajjal’s homeland. Other Ahadith reveal that:

“Nay, he will appear in the East; nay, he will appear in the East; nay, he will appear in the East... The Holy Prophet^{sa} pointed nearly 20 times towards the East”⁵¹

This indicates that the Dajjal, once having been released from the Island, would go and conquer the East, which the British Empire did by its dominion over India in the 1800s.

The Promised Messiah^{as} is further spoken in the Bible as appearing as “lightning appears from the East unto the West”⁵² meaning he will appear from the East, and the Ahadith also reveal he shall appear to the East of a white minaret at Damascus, Syria. The Promised Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, fulfilled both those signs.⁵³

Dajjal Recognized by a Special Follower of Islam

If all of the signs of the Dajjal were to be literally fulfilled, ie. he would be gigantic in size with one blind and the other open, kafir on his forehead which only the Muslims (literate or illiterate) could read, bring life to the dead, will have mountains of bread and streams with him, that he will have the ability to cause rain, etc. then *everyone* would recognize the Dajjal.

That however, contradicts the following hadith in which it states that a follower of the

⁵¹ Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol. 7, No. 2988, No. 2991

⁵² Gospel of Matthew 24:27

⁵³ Sahih Muslim, Book 41, No. 7015

Prophet Muhammad^{sa} will exclusively recognize the Dajjal alone narrated by al-Nuwas ibn Sam’an al-Kilabi as well as in other narrations:

“A man from among the believers will say: “I will go up to this man and see whether or not he is the person against whom the Prophet of Allah had issued a warning.”⁵⁴

This follower of Islam was the Imam al-Mahdi wa al-Masih al-Mau’ood Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (‘alayhi al-salatu wa al-salam). Also it is impossible for all of the signs to be fulfilled literally anyway, as this would defy the laws of nature, and be contrary to all scientific thinking.

The Beast of the Earth (al-Da’bbah al-Ardh)

There is a prophecy given in the Qur’an in which it states that:

“And when the sentence is passed against them, We shall bring forth for them an insect (da’bbah) out of the earth, which shall wound them (tukallemo) because people did not believe in Our Signs.” (Chapter 27, Verse 83)

Many Islamic scholars in the past have attributed this verse to mean at the time of the Dajjal and Promised Messiah. For example ‘Allamah Isma’il Haqqi al-Buruswi (d. 1137 AH) writes in his tafsir (commentary) of the Qur’an called *Rūh al-Bayan* (Spirit of the Explanation) in relation to the above verse that the Mahdi would first appear, and then the Dajjal which would be followed by the Messiah. At the same time this da’bbah (beast) would also appear and the sun would also rise from the West.

The word “al-da’bbah” refers to all animals from the microscopic level to vast in size that move on the earth’s surface with a locomotive motion, according to the Arabic-English Dictionary of Lane.

Furthermore, the word “tukallemo” may mean to speak, but it also means to wound. This verse is talking about a tiny insect out of the earth that would wound humans for rejecting the signs of Allah (what signs could these be other than that the Messiah and Mahdi appeared? For if this verse is referring to that time period, Allah also says in the Qur’an that He never punishes anyone until he sends a Prophet and they disbelieve). It would also “speak to them” as they would realize they are being wounded due to their denial of the signs.

This is a clear depiction of the plague.

There is also another hadith of the Holy Prophet^{sa} in which he says:

“It never happens that promiscuity (fahshā) overwhelms a people to the extent that

⁵⁴ Kanz al-‘Ummal

they display their acts of sex shamelessly (in public) and they are not uniquely punished by God. Among them, invariably, pestilence is made to spread and such other diseases, the like of which have never been witnessed by their forefathers.”⁵⁵

The Promised Messiah^{as} also stated that:

“A type of plague will appear in [specifically] Europe and other Christian nations which would be very severe.”⁵⁶

These prophecies are clearly pointing to the AIDS virus, which was a result of sexual permissiveness and what the Qur’an lists as a punishment from Him due to the rampant promiscuity of mainly the Western nations (the Dajjal). In these are signs for the wise. A more elaborate exposition of these signs is contained in the book “Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth” by the 4th Caliph to the Promised Messiah, Mirza Tahir Ahmad^{rh}.

Two Groups of Dajjal

Of many Ahadith about the Dajjal, there are some that state that he will claim prophethood and some that state that he will claim divinity. These represent the two groups of the Dajjal. The Promised Messiah^{as} explains this as he says:

“And it is in accordance with this very deceitfulness [of the Dajjal], that two types of attributes of the promised *Dajjāl* have been mentioned in the Hadith. One is that he would claim prophethood and the other is that he would claim divinity. If both of these are interpreted literally, it is entirely impossible to reconcile them. For, the claim to prophethood requires that the claimant should believe in God the Most High, while the claim to divinity requires that the claimant should himself pose as god and not believe in any other to be god. So how can both these claims proceed from the same man?

Hence, the truth is that *Dajjal* is not the name of an individual. According to the Arabic language, that group is known as *Dajjal* which presents itself as trustworthy and religious but, in reality, is neither trustworthy nor religious; rather, there is deception and fraud in all its affairs. Now this quality is found in that party of the Christians which is called their clergy. And the section which is trying to control all sorts of machinery, industry and the works of God, that is the scientists of Europe —they are *Dajjal* because, on account of their accomplishments and also their high claims, they place the creatures of God under the misconception that they [the scientists] can interfere in the Divine works.

⁵⁵ Ibn Majah, Kitab al-Fitan, Chapter al-Aqubat

⁵⁶ Tadhkirah, pg. 705

The priestly section is laying claim to prophethood because, having lost the true heavenly Gospel, they are spreading in the world an altered and adulterated account, called as translation of the Gospels. If one demands to see that original Gospel which was the revelation of Jesus over a period of three years, regarding which Jesus said that he spoke not of himself but what God told him to say,⁵⁷ they cannot say anything at all about its whereabouts, as to where that book has vanished. As for the translations they present, these are undoubtedly their selfproduced Gospels regarding whose authenticity they cannot give any proof.

... For, they have taken the office of prophethood in their own hands by deceit. In the guise of translation they write whatever they wish, and then attribute it to God the Most High. Therefore, this course of theirs is like a claim to prophethood, and most of the Christian people are entrapped in this net. This *dajl* (deception) is the work of the Christian religious preachers.

The other attribute of the *Dajjal* is manifested in those who do works which are tantamount to claiming Divinity. That is, as I have just stated, the group consisting of the scientists and the inventors of machines of Europe. They have tried their utmost to discover the chain of causes and means, and having achieved considerable successes they have at last come to the worthless view that the power of God and belief in it are of no value. Most of the intellectuals among the Christians of Europe follow this group. They are day and night busy in research as to how they themselves can become masters of such secrets of nature that they produce rain at will, control whether a child born in a family is a boy or a girl as they wish, and make a woman barren whenever they wish. Hence there is no doubt that this course is, in other words, a claim to divinity.”⁵⁸

The prophetic statements by the Promised Messiah^{as} about Western scientists are quite astonishing. For example he says that they are attempting to learn how to control whether a child will be a boy or a girl, which is quite reminiscent of the science-fiction movie Gattaca. Current genetic engineering is taking that route. The second statement about making a woman barren at the scientists’ disposal reminds me of the book “Brave New World” by Aldous Huxley, in which he envisions a future dystopia in which all women take contraceptives eliminating the process of childbirth. Regarding the scientists attempting to produce rain, they have attempted to do that before to some extent but have been so far unfruitful, nor will they ever be as the Qur’an states that:

“Have you observed the water you drink? Do you bring it down from the rainclouds? Or do We? If it were Our Will, We could make it salty. Then why are you not thankful?” (Surah al-Wāqī’ah, Chapter 56, Verses 69-71)

A few Ahadith also reveal that a sign of the Dajjal would be that it would produce rain. With the above Qur’anic verse proving that no one can prove rain asides from Allah, are these

⁵⁷ Gospel of John 8:28

⁵⁸ Kitab al-Bariyya

Ahadith contradicting God’s Word – the Qur’an? No. They just prove that the signs of the Dajjal as creating rain just means artificial rain, and this can be applied to its other “wonders” which will deceive many but not be real, such as bringing the dead back to life (this could mean the séances etc. of people involved in the New Age movement and things of that nature, all of which arose out of the West – the Dajjal).

Science in itself is not bad and should be learnt by the Muslims as the Qur’an in over 750 verses expounds the Muslims to study science. This was the position of the early Muslim scientists of the Golden Age of Islam which lasted in Khorasan, Iran and the Islamic Empire of Spain where it produced such great stars of science such as Ibn Sina (Avicenna) the great physician and writer of his magnum opus, the Canon of Medicine, or al-Jabir who laid the foundations of modern chemistry. What is bad according to the Promised Messiah^{as} and a sign of the Dajjal, is when scientists take God out of the picture. This is what is referred to in the Qur’an itself where it says:

“Oh company of Jinn and men! If you have the power to go beyond the confines of the heavens and the earth, then do go. But you cannot go except with *Sultān* (authority).” (Surah al-Rahman, Chapter 55, Verse 30)

By Jinn, the verse here means the capitalist powers and governments of the world, and “ins” or men means the ordinary human beings. It says that they can both go and study about the heavens (outer space) as well as earth (biology, botany, geology, about the oceans, underneath the earth’s crust, etc.) but they cannot do so without Allah’s sultan or authority. This is why the scientists with atheistic tendencies are referred to as one group of the Dajjal by the Promised Messiah^{as}.

It’s very interesting to note that the Christian clergy correspond to the capitalist system of the British Empire (and now United States) both of which were World Powers run primarily by the Teutonic people (Magog), and that the atheistic people (represented by scientists and philosophers with this tendency) correspond to thinkers such as Nietzsche of Germany, as well as the political system of communism of the former Soviet Union which was run primarily by the Slavonic people of Russia.

This shows that the Dajjal indicates the intellectual and spiritual nature of this latter day grouping of people, and that Gog and Magog indicate its political and racial nature.

Victory of Islam and Destruction of Dajjal Through Rational Arguments

So if the Dajjal has already appeared, it means that the Messiah, who will (according to the Bible) “come as a thief in the night”^{59 60}, has started the process to conquer the Dajjal

⁵⁹ Matthew 24:43-44

⁶⁰ 2 Peter 3:10

through love and compassion. The Imam Mahdi is also stated in the Ahadith to be born in the 13th Century Hijri after Muhammad^{sa61} and Ahmad^{as} was indeed born in the 13th Islamic Century and lived while in the beginning of the 14th being also the Mujaddid (Reformer) of Islam of the 14th Century. The process for the destruction of the Dajjal (Christianity and atheistic intellectualism) has started and in the words of the Promised Messiah Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}, he says: “I have planted the seed. And it will grow into a strong tree and bear fruits. And none will be able to arrest its progress.” And let me tell you, entire governments have tried, let alone individual people.

Ahmad^{as} said that Islam will eventually prevail after three centuries of his appearance. This will occur through love and compassion, as the Qur’an dictates that:

“There is no compulsion in religion” (Surah al-Baqarah, Chapter 2, Verse 257)

Through “Love for All, Hatred for None,” the peaceful message of the pristine Islam as revived through Ahmadiyyat will one day encompass the hearts of the majority of the world, and no one will be able to stop this ongoing process. This also refers to the Promised Messiah’s^{as} “breaking of the Cross” (one of the signs of the Promised Messiah in the Ahadith) ie. Christianity (its present form being the Dajjal) through rational arguments, and peaceful exhortation. The Ahmadi Muslims’ belief of Jesus having never died on the cross destroys the base upon which Christianity is founded as Paul in the Bible states that “if Jesus had not died on the cross, then our faith is void and in vain.” The destruction of the Dajjal through rational arguments is in itself in accordance with the Ahadith, as the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} said that:

“If the Dajjal makes his appearance and I am in your midst, I will overpower him with arguments; and if he appears and I am not in your midst, everyone should argue with him.”⁶²

“So when he makes his appearance and I am in your midst, I will overpower him with arguments on behalf of every Muslim; but if he appears after me, everyone should argue with him on their own behalf.”⁶³

This is what is evidently meant by the Messiah killing the Dajjal’s followers by his pure breath (ie. exhortation) as stated in the Ahadith. To this end, Ahmad^{as} wrote more than 80 books and penned thousands of letters in the defense of Islam against the Christian missionaries and others attacking it from all sides. This was in his Jihad bi al-Qalam (Jihad of the Pen), an attribute of Jihad manifested among the followers of the Messiah in the latter days, now that violent Jihad is unnecessary.

⁶¹ Mishkat al-Masabih, Book of Fitan, Chapter III, section III

⁶² Kanz al-‘Ummal Vol 7. No. 2076

⁶³ Ibid No. 2025, 2079

One note must be made that even though the Dajjal is the West, the Promised Messiah^{as} never taught for his followers to fight or even be aggressive towards the West in any way. All he taught is what the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} himself taught, as well as God in the Qur'an, in that you should peacefully hold a constructive dialogue without engaging in any insults, verbal abuse, or violence. So this fact in no way makes Ahmadi Muslims feel any enmity towards the West. We just accept the prophecies by the Prophet Muhammad^{sa}, Qur'an, and Bible to have been fulfilled in the example of the West, and that this is a sign of the Promised Messiah. We hold the belief that the West shall of course be conquered but through peace and love, as the Prophet Muhammad^{sa} stated that in the time of the Promised Messiah, the “sun [of Islam] shall rise in the West.”

For More Information

For more information about any of the above topics, you may read [“Essence of Islam Vol. 3”](#) by the Promised Messiah Ahmad^{as} where he himself explains all of these things:

Here is the [Tafsir \(commentary\) of Surah al-Lahab](#) by Khalifa II^{ra} referring to Gog and Magog.

There are many other signs of the Dajjal, all already fulfilled by the Christian or Communist nations of the West, though I have not chosen to elaborate upon them for the sake of brevity. These signs include signs such as the Dajjal will bring with it a glimpse of Heaven and Hell, men resembling women and women resembling men, the Dajjal extracting the treasures of the earth, and things of similar nature, both allegorical and literal. I think however, that the dissertation I have given may be more than enough to satisfy the rational soul. If however anyone wants to read an in-depth commentary on those signs as well, they may read the book [“Anti-Christ, Gog and Magog.”](#)

It was written by a Lahori Ahmadi scholar (Maulana Muhammad Ali), although it still contains a lot of truth. The Promised Messiah^{as} himself actually prophesied that his Jama'at was going to split.⁶⁴

Further information about the Dajjal:

[Khalifa IV's \(rh\) Exhortations about the Dajjal](#)
[A Question About Dajjal Answered by Khalifa IV \(rh\)](#)
[A Note on Dajjal by Khalifa II \(ra\)](#)
[Unveiling of the 'Unseen' \(al-Ghayb\) by the Qur'an – a Historic Perspective by Khalifa IV \(rh\)](#)
[Regarding al-Dukhan \(The Smoke\) of the Latter Days](#)
[Regarding al-Da'bbah al-Ardh \(Beast of the Earth\)](#)

⁶⁴ Tadhkirah pgs. 1065-1066

Conclusion – State of the Muslim World

In conclusion, the Dajjal has already appeared in the form of the capitalist powers of the West. And the Dajjal will not be fought through force, but through a war of words and message of peace. One glance at the state of affairs in the Muslim World today, whether on a political or spiritual plane, reveals that the Prophet Muhammad’s^{sa} prophecies about the Muslim World being one day corrupted have come true with a vengeance. Just take a look at the recent video showing the true picture of Amir Liaquat Hussain, a great ‘Alim (scholar) of Pakistan who commands immense media influence and is adored and respected by hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Muslims. Other examples abound in the hundreds; for example, the recent Imam in Canada convicted of sexual assault; not to mention the hundreds of Imams who call for terrorism and the killing of innocents in the name of Islam like Anwar al-Awlaki, the American Imam that fled to Yemen.

When you contemplate the ignorant, violent and morally depraved state of the tens of millions of Muslims the world over, it becomes obvious and essential that Muslims must take a serious, hard look at their condition and start doing something to ameliorate it. This state of the Muslims is prophesied in authentic books of Ahadith such as Sahih Bukhari and Muslim as being similar to the Jews at the time of Jesus^{as} who did not accept him as the Messiah. There’s no better place to start improving your spiritual and moral condition than with the claims and writings and example of the Prince of Peace of this Age, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} of Qadian, India. His divinely-mandated, Khilafat-centered Islamic Community, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, is the only Muslim group – now in 200 countries of the world -- that is completely and thoroughly peaceful, with a message and motto of “Love for All, Hatred for None.” It is truly ironic that the best example of the true and peaceful teachings of Islam in this day and age, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, is also the most reviled, denigrated and persecuted. Muslims need to wake up and realize that what they need for their very salvation and resurrection as a faith is Ahmadiyyat. They need to embrace it, not erase it, or the once-beautiful face of the real Islam of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} is what will face extinction at the hands of the Mullahs and their misguided masses.

May peace be upon you, and may you be guided towards God’s light forevermore.

Ameen.